

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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R 090524Z OCT 73  
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7297  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

S E C R E T RANGOON 2365

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, TH, BM  
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS

REF: A. RANGOON 2325 B. BANGKOK 15664

1. AT INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION OCTOBER 5  
VICE CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER TIN U WENT OUT OF HIS  
WAY TO TELL ME HOW PLEASED HE WAS THAT RUSSIANS WOULD BE  
RELEASED IN TWO WEEKS, INFORMATION WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED  
TO ME VIA FOREIGN MINISTRY. I EXPLAINED WHAT I HAD  
TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS THAT WHILE MESSAGE HAD BEEN  
RECEIVED INDICATING THE KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS WOULD BE  
RELEASED WE DID NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE RELEASE PLANS  
FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT  
WOULD TAKE TO RELEASE RUSSIANS AFTER PLAN RECEIVED.

2. BRIGADIER TIN U, HOWEVER, REFUSED TO ALLOW HIS  
OPTIMISM TO BE DAMPENED. HE MENTIONED HAVING RECEIVED  
AN "INTERCEPT" INDICATING THAT RUSSIANS WERE STILL ALIVE  
AND WELL. HE WAS SURE EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO WORK OUT.

3. TIN U SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR ELIZAVETINE  
THAT RUSSIANS WOULD BE RELEASED IN TWO WEEKS, AGAIN  
MENTIONING "INTERCEPT" BUT ALSO ATTRIBUTING INFORMATION  
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ON RELEASE TO ME.

4. COMMENT: BRIGADIER TIN U'S REFERENCE TO AN "INTER-  
CEPT" INDICATES THAT GUB MAY BE MONITORING LOI MAW

GROUPS' RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING MESSAGES  
EXCHANGED BETWEEN CHU AND CHANG SHU-CHUAN. THUS THEY  
MAY KNOW MORE THAN WE DO. IN ANY CASE, IMPORTANT THING  
IS THAT BRIGADIER TIN U APPEARS TO BE EXTREMELY PLEASED  
WITH THE PROSPECT OF RUSSIANS' RELEASE AND WANTS IT  
TO SUCCEED. FOR THIS REASON INTERFERENCE BY GUB  
(AS SPECULATED IN REF B) SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.  
MARTIN

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